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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Wright on August 31, 2007.

JB In claim 54, line ³2, "NaOH," has been deleted and -- NaOH and -- has been substituted therefor. Further in line 2, "and combinations thereof" has been deleted.

In claim 55, line 2, "alkali," has been deleted and -- alkali and -- has been substituted therefor. Further in line 2, "and combinations " has been deleted. In line 3, "thereof" has been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wayne Langel whose telephone number is 571-272-1353. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8 am - 3:30 pm Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.